

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 401

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A RESOLUTION to designate the bridge over Town Creek on U.S.
70 North By-Pass in Lebanon the "Ronnie C.
Presley Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States Armed Forces, and many continue this legacy of service today in time of war, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those individuals whose valor and sense of duty were a tribute to our great State; and

WHEREAS, one such Tennessean was Private First Class Ronnie C. Presley of Wilson County who proudly served his nation in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Private Presley was killed in action when the troop transport plane he was aboard was shot down by hostile fire near Khe Sanh, Quang Tri Province, Vietnam on March 6, 1968; and

WHEREAS, he was survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Presley, his wife, Donna, and his daughter, Angelia Faith, who was born while Private Presley was in California en route to Vietnam; he never received the message that his daughter had been born; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Iraq, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families, and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made many sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it most appropriate to name the bridge over Town Creek on U.S. 70 North By-Pass in Lebanon to honor and recognize a brave soldier who gave his life for his country, so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the bridge over Town Creek on U.S. 70 North By-Pass in Lebanon is hereby designated as the "Ronnie C. Presley Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers for the "Ronnie C. Presley Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the Department of Transportation

from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the State for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.